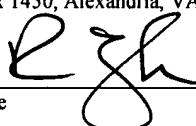


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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 27, 2006

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the examiner's objections and rejections.

### Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up

to and including August 28, 2006. Applicants note that August 27, 2006 was a Sunday and that Monday, August 28, 2006 was the first business day following Sunday, August 27, 2006. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for the fee associated with the extension of time is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit

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